



Psychologist - Bay of Plenty

This position will service Oranga Tamariki Sites throughout the BOP Region in Tauranga, Whakatane, Rotorua, Tokoroa and Taupo.

Do you want to make a difference for tamariki, rangatahi and whānau?

We have an exciting Psychologist role where you will work with social workers, tamariki and whanau as part of our outreach service in collaboration with other agency partners, to assure positive outcomes for children and young people who have experienced abuse and neglect.

This position is offered as a one year contract based with the BOP Clinical Services team.

What you will do?

- Provide psychological and therapeutic assessments, interviews, specialist interventions (play/sand tray therapy, group and individual based Dialectic Behaviour Therapy, Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behaviour Therapy, Parent-Child Interaction Therapy, Psychoeducation) to children, young people and families who have experienced abuse and neglect
- Create an atmosphere for tamariki and rangatahi to help them heal
- Provide consultations to Social Workers and other professionals
- Put children and young people first and make sure their voice is heard
- Work alongside non-government organisations, the community and whānau to do what's best for our tamariki and rangatahi

What you will bring?

- Be registered with the New Zealand Psychologists Board
- Proven work experience as a Psychologist with children and young people would be an advantage
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills with the ability to adapt to your audience
- Strong engagement and relationship building skills
- Culture awareness
- Empathy, patience and ability to see past what someone may be struggling with
- Sound judgement and organisational skills
- The ability to manage risk and make difficult decisions
- A positive outlook and supporting nature
- Ability to discern and unpack complex situations
- Understanding of the Oranga Tamariki Act
- Experience with writing a variety of assessment reports including, cognitive, parental capacity, neurodevelopmental and mental health assessments

What's on offer?

- A salary range between \$70,361.63 - \$98,919.80
- A great, knowledgeable team who celebrate each other's successes
- Peer support, supervision, case reviews and triage
- Rewarding and challenging work that truly makes a difference
- Opportunities for further professional development and 'on the job' training
- Opportunities to work alongside various groups, build your network and strengthen community relationships

Who are we?

Our tamariki and rangatahi deserve to feel safe, have their voices heard and be surrounded by loving whānau. At Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children, we're on a journey to ensure that it happens. We are a leading social work practice that is child-centred, trauma informed and effective for all cultures.

What team you will work with? The Clinical Services team are a small team of Psychologists, Specialist Child Witness Interviewers and Administration who work closely together to deliver a responsive service to Tamariki, whānau and social workers throughout the Bay.

We endeavour to minimise the impacts of professional separation that is inevitable due to the need for travel by regular hui, planning and team activity.

You will be supervised by a Psychologist Team Leader in the first instance and responsible to the Manager of Clinical Services.

As a member of the team you will also work alongside other agency partners as Oranga Tamariki further develops its commitments to Māori.

The diversity in this role provides the flexibility in the use of evidence-based therapy models and intervention tools to achieve positive outcomes for children and their whānau. We are committed to services that are culturally appropriate. We recognise and have a commitment to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

How to apply?

Apply online with your CV and cover letter. If you are an Oranga Tamariki employee already, please apply through your myHR portal. If you have any queries, please contact Sravani Peddibhotla at sravani.peddibhotla@ot.govt.nz

Hurry as applications close Thursday, 29 October 2020.

To see more about this exciting role, check out the position description:

<https://www.msd.govt.nz/hr/documents/position-descriptions/mvcot/psychologist-ot.pdf>

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